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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kahoru TSUJIMOTO et al.

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ANTI-MICROBIAL STERILIZER AND  
REFRIGERATOR HAVING IT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Kindly amend claims 3, 4, 7, 10 and 13 as follows.

A<sup>1</sup>  
3. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 1, wherein said capsule is thermally double-sealed at both ends thereof.

4. (Amended) The sterilizer apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said base ingredient of said anti-microbial material is doped with a low-temperature thermoset substance for increasing a viscosity.